

Friday, September 17, 2021

The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

Chairperson: Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L

Via Google Hangout

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

In Attendance

Members of the Board

Chairperson.....Wanda Banks
Vice Chairperson.....Dan Martin
Secretary.....E.J. Quinn
OT Member.....Rae-Ann Smith
OT Member.....Caitlin Brogan
OTA Member.....Sarah Quirk
Consumer Member.....Marylin Pierre

Staff

Executive Director.....Lauren Murray
Board Counsel.....Bethan Haaga
Compliance Officer.....Denise Goetz

Guests

AOTA Representative.....Kristen Neville
MOTA Representative.....Sonia Lawson
Legislation and Regulations Coordinator.....Lillian Reese
Guest.....Robin Bell

1. Ms. Banks called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.
2. Ms. Banks asked for approval of the September General Session Agenda. Ms. Murray asked to add NBCOT audit to administrative reports and add 10.46.02.01 A(19) to Legislation/Regulations Committee. Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the agenda with amendments. Ms. Quirk seconded it. All were in favor.
3. Ms. Banks asked for approval of July General Session Minutes. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Smith seconded it. All were in favor.
4. Ms. Banks asked for approval of the ratification of 39 OTs and 13 OTAs from July's Executive Session. Mr. Martin made a motion. Ms. Quirk seconded it. All were in favor.

REPORTS

1. Administrative Reports – FY’21

Staff: Lauren Murray

A. Board Email Addresses

- a. The Board now has Maryland.gov email addresses.
- b. Ms. Murray will provide these addresses to the Board and asked the members to activate them as soon as possible.

B. List of Implicit Bias Courses

- a. A list of approved implicit bias courses for renewals has been provided.
- b. Ms. Murray will be contacting renewing licensees in March to inform them of the requirement.

C. Board Representative for Compact Committee

- a. Mr. Martin and Ms. Brogan are both interested in the position.
- b. Due to seniority and his connection to NBCOT, Ms. Murray suggested that Mr. Martin be the current Board representative for the Compact Committee with Ms. Brogan as the alternate.
- c. Ms. Murray asked that Mr. Martin share all information from the Committee meetings with Ms. Brogan in the event that she would need to take over or fill in.

D. FBI Reports from CJIS

- a. Ms. Murray recently received an email from CJIS stating that the Board of OT would soon stop receiving FBI CHRI reports.
- b. Ms. Haaga drafted a letter to CJIS, informing them that the Board has legislative authority to receive the results.

E. NBCOT Audit

- a. Because of the COVID extensions, there are two years’ worth of licensees up for a potential audit this year.
- b. Ms. Murray asked the Board if they still wanted to audit 10% of both odd and even year licensees.

2. Legislation/Regulations Committee –

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Caitlin Brogan, OT/R

Marylin Pierre, Esquire, Consumer Member

Staff: Lauren Murray

a. COMAR 10.46.02.01 A(19)

- i. Ms. Murray received notification yesterday that the proposal for adjustment to COMAR 10.46.02 has been approved by the Governor's office, signed by the Secretary, and submitted to the AELR Committee.
- ii. It is anticipated that this proposal will be printed in the October 22, 2021 Maryland Register with the comment period ending on November 22, 2021.

b. Dry Needling Regulations

- i. Ms. Reese created a proper draft of the dry needling regulations.
- ii. Ms. Lawson showed concern that opening up the scope of practice would set up other Boards to have other issues.

1. Ms. Reese said that this is different because it is regulations, not scope of practice.
 - iii. Ms. Reese also recommended that a comments deadline from other Boards be enacted.
 - iv. Ms. Banks asked for approval of the draft. Mr. Martin made a motion. Ms. Smith seconded it. All were in favor.
3. Continuing Education Committee –
Sarah Quirk, COTA/L
Rae-Ann Smith, OT/R
Staff: Denise Goetz
Nothing to report.
4. Secretary's Report
E.J. Quinn, Consumer Member, Secretary
Nothing to report.
5. Executive Committee--
Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L
Daniel Martin, Ph.D.
Staff: Lauren Murray
Correspondence
 - a. An inquiry from August 2nd asking if a COTA is permitted to write the progress report on a child in which they are the lead therapist and have the OTR cosign.
 - a. The Board believes that whoever is supervising at the time of treatment is responsible for cosigning.
 - b. An inquiry from August 26th asking if a primary therapist is responsible for completing documentation for patients seen while that therapist is on an extended vacation.
 - a. The Board agreed that this is permitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Board Member Orientation is in October.

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 am.